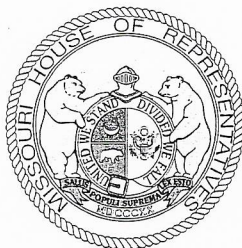


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The Joint Task Force on Radiologic Technologist Licensure has completed its work. The enclosure includes recommendations for statewide licensure of radiologic imaging and therapy. It is the committee's expectation that such recommendations would become a legislative proposal to be considered by the General Assembly.

The committee has proposed the following recommendations:

- \* Licensure of individuals to perform radiation therapy
- \* Licensure of individuals to perform radiologic imaging
- \* Creation of an Advisory Committee
- \* Duties of the Department of Health and Senior Services

The members of the task force were honored to serve in this important role and appreciate the opportunity to explore the most effective ways to address the issue of radiologic imaging and therapy in our health system.

Yours truly,

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Kathryn Swan  
State Representative, 147th District

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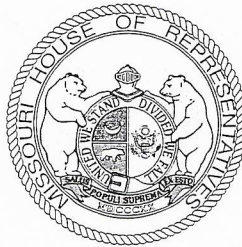
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May 7, 2020

Speaker Elijah Haahr  
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Dear Speaker Haahr,

The Joint Task Force on Radiologic Technologist Licensure was created in 2019 to study and make recommendations regarding statewide licensure of individuals that are performing radiologic services in Missouri.

It was the intent of the committee to establish practices that ensured the safety of Missourians receiving radiologic procedures and treatments. The recommendations of the committee reflect what is believed to be the appropriate standard to ensure each practitioner has the basic training and skills to properly and safely perform their duties.

As a result of public hearings, testimony and deliberations by members of the committee we submit the following report to address issues related to radiologic licensure in Missouri. The task force, by statute, was charged with analyzing a number of items concerning licensure, necessary exemptions, training and regulatory framework. The recommendations of the committee are as follows:

1. Licensure of individuals to perform radiation therapy:

The Committee determined that individuals that are performing radiation therapy services should be licensed. The committee has determined that the most appropriate entity to regulate licensure is the Department of Health and Senior Services.

2. Licensure of individuals to perform radiologic imaging:

The Committee has determined that the Department of Health and Senior Services shall issue licenses to perform nuclear medicine technology, radiography, radiologist assistant procedures and limited x-ray machine operators as established by the Department.

The committee also determined that a number of entities had experience and training necessary to be exempted from the requirement of licensure. Those professions are as follows: A Missouri licensed -

physician, chiropractor, podiatrist, dentist, dental hygienist or dental assistant; a student enrolled and attending a school or college of medicine, chiropractic, podiatry, dentistry under the supervision of a licensed practitioner; a person employed by the United States Government and the use of such therapy is related to their work; performing radiologic imaging on nonhuman subjects or cadavers; and a nurse licensed under chapter 335 practicing under the scope of practice of said chapter and only performing diagnostic plain film radiography who has completed a training program that has properly prepared the nurse to provide safe and effective care outside the hospital setting.

Additionally, the Committee determined that the use of fluoroscopy in an ambulatory surgery center, pain clinic, and any other non-hospital site would not require radiologic technologist licensure provided that the person performing the services is a licensed advanced practice nurse under chapter 335, but a department approved online fluoroscopy training course is required annually for any exempt or limited licensure individual performing fluoroscopy. This exemption provision would not apply to individuals performing fluoroscopy in interventional radiology and cardiology.

### 3. Creation of an Advisory Committee

The Committee also determined it would be appropriate to have a committee that could advise and make recommendations to the Department of Health and Senior Services on issues that impact radiologic licensure. It was determined by the Committee that for the purposes of constancy that the advisory committee membership should mirror the task force. A member of the Department of Health and Senior Services was also added as they would be the regulatory authority.

### 4. Duties of the Department of Health and Senior Services

The Committee determined that it would be appropriate for the Department of Health and Senior Services to create a regulatory structure under guidance from the advisory committee. It was determined that the Department shall establish scopes of practice for limited x-ray machine operators, nuclear medicine technologists, nuclear medicine advanced associates, radiation therapists, radiographers and radiologist assistants. Additionally, it was determined that the Department shall develop and promulgate rules regarding: the issuance of licenses, continuing education requirements, interstate license reciprocity, development of a competency based examination for limited x-ray machine operators, establish standards of practice, reasonable licensure fees, alternative licensure requirements, penalty provisions and license discipline.

Following the public meetings of the committee we are submitting the above findings as recommendations to the Missouri General Assembly to enact through legislation.

Sincerely,

Committee Members